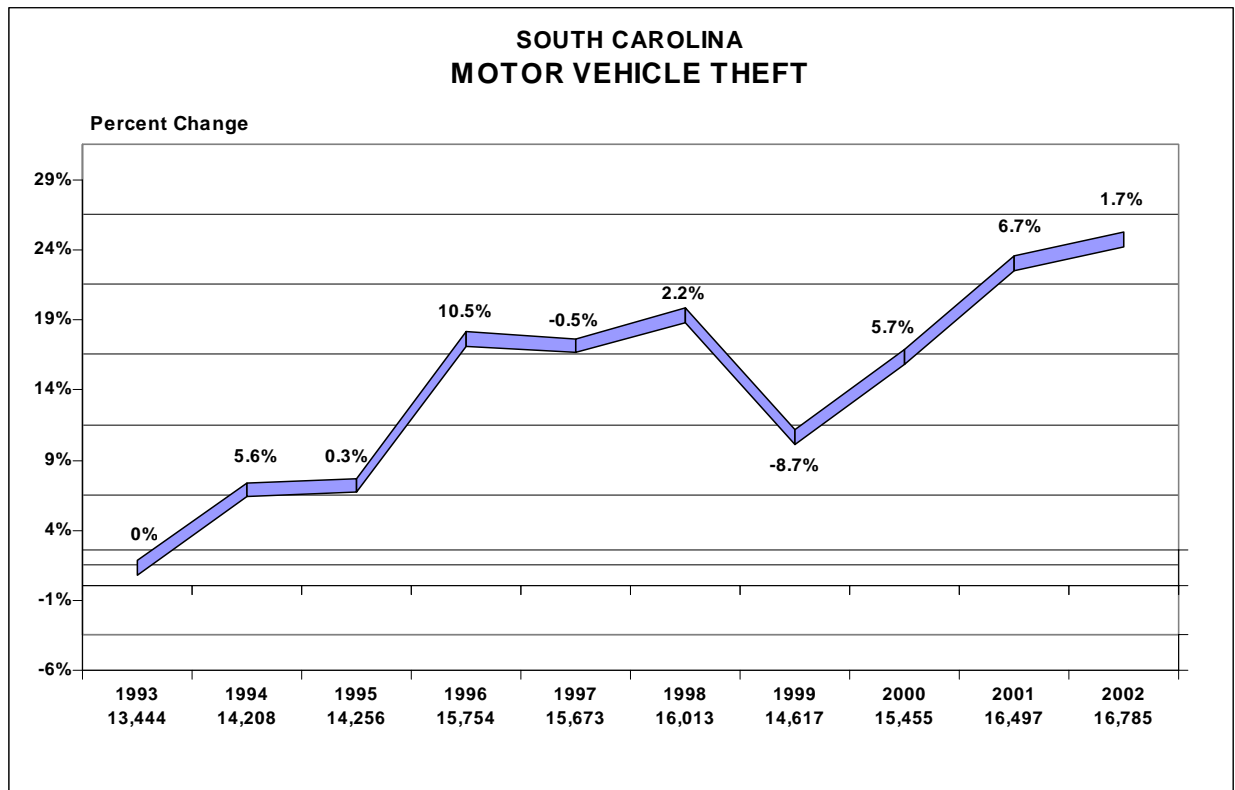


# MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

## **DEFINITION**

Motor Vehicle theft, for UCR purposes, is defined as the theft of a self-propelled vehicle that runs on the surface of the land but not on rails. Motor vehicles include automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, and the like. One offense is counted for each vehicle stolen. This category does not include boats, farm equipment, tractors, bulldozers, etc. Motor vehicle theft does not include using a vehicle without the owner's consent if prior consent or lawful access has been granted. Obtaining vehicles through fraud or failure to return rented vehicles are not included in this category. Attempts to steal motor vehicles as well as "joyrides" are counted as motor vehicle thefts.



### 2002 SUMMARY

A total of 16,785 motor vehicle thefts was reported in the 2002 crime index. During this year, motor vehicle thefts increased 1.7 percent compared to those reported in 2001.

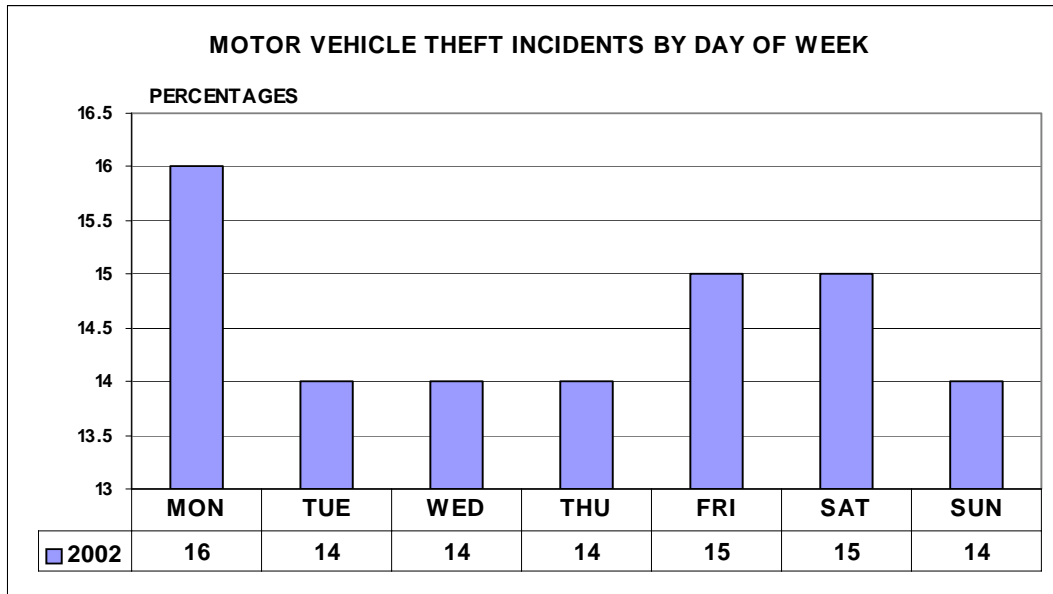
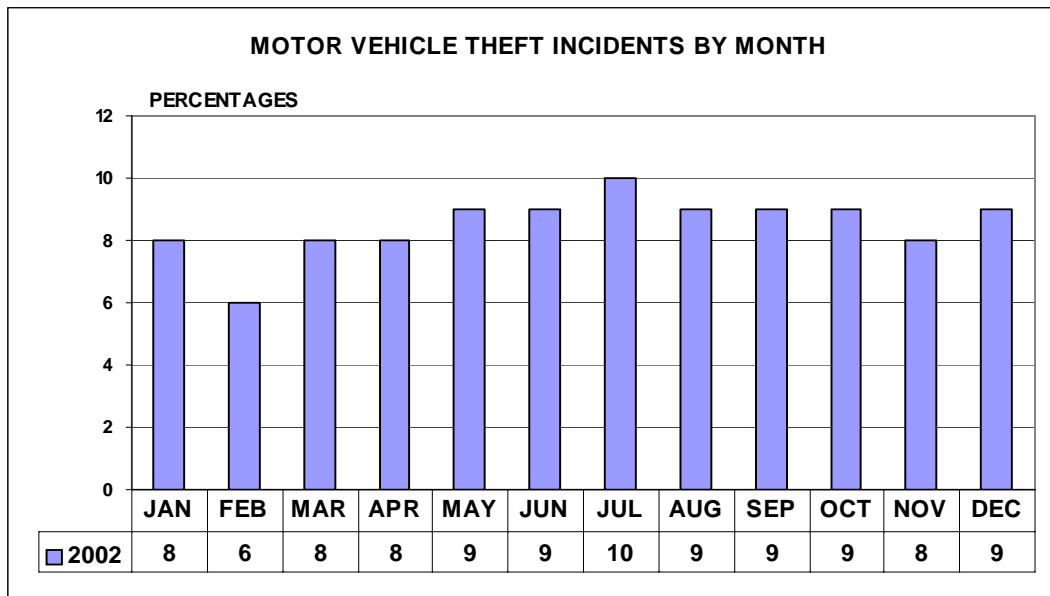
There were 1,004 persons arrested for motor vehicle theft statewide in 2002.

Motor vehicle thefts accounted for 9.1 percent of all nonviolent crimes and 7.7 percent of the total crime index.

The motor vehicle theft rate in South Carolina was 40.9 per 10,000 persons.

Of all persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, 81.9 percent were 34 years of age or younger. With respect to race, 45.3 percent were white, 54.3 percent were black, and 0.4 percent were other races.

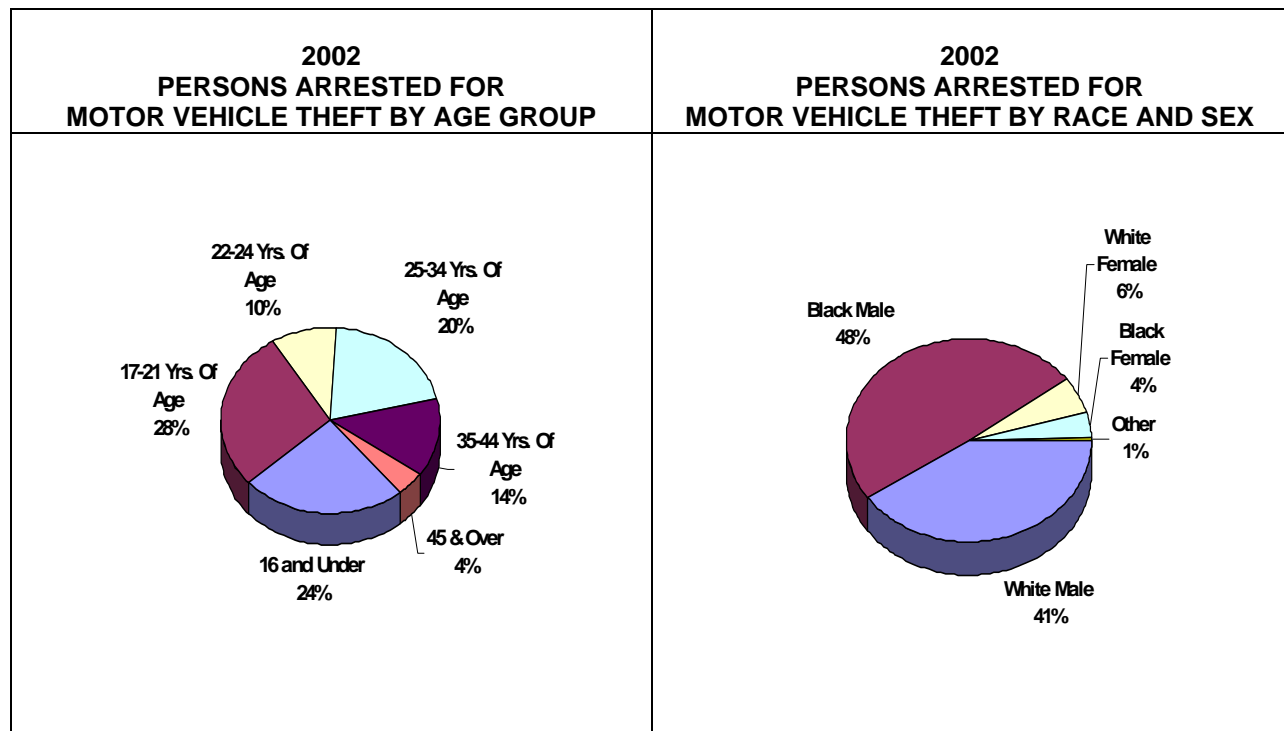
There were 16,785 motor vehicle thefts reported in 2002. Of these, 4.6 percent were attempted motor vehicle thefts.



**2002 PERSONS ARRESTED FOR MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT  
BY AGE, SEX, RACE**

Age Group	Total	White Male	Black Male	Other Male	White Female	Black Female	Other Female
01 – 04	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
05 – 09	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
10 – 16	275	79	167	1	18	10	1
17 – 21	312	126	162	2	16	6	0
22 – 24	110	49	50	0	4	7	0
25 – 34	229	107	97	1	14	10	0
35 – 44	153	71	60	1	13	8	0
45 – 54	42	23	16	0	1	2	0
55 – 64	5	3	1	0	0	1	0
65 – 99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>State Total</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1</b>

**NOTE:** The arrest counts shown here have not been subjected to the “hierarchy rule” (explained elsewhere); therefore, all persons arrested that are linked to this offense type are counted.



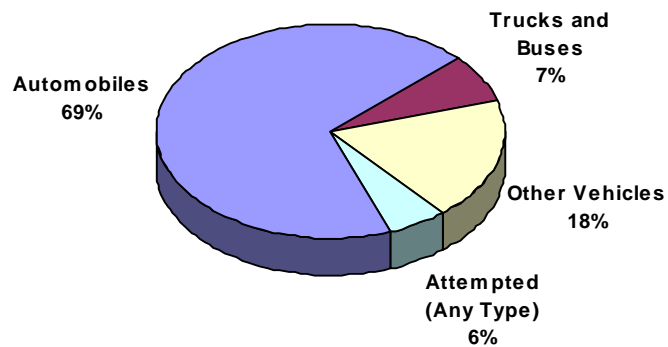
Forty-one percent of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft in 2002 were white males, 45 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger; 49 percent were black males, 59 percent of those were 21 years of age or younger. White females accounted for 6 percent of persons arrested for motor vehicle theft, and black females accounted for 4 percent. Fifty-two percent of the white females and 36 percent of the black females were 21 years of age or younger.

### 2000-2002 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT TRENDS

Type Vehicle	2000	% Distr.	2001	% Distr.	2002	% Distr.
Automobiles	11,091	71.8	N/A	N/A	11,512	68.6
Trucks and Buses	941	6.1	N/A	N/A	1,228	7.3
Other Vehicles	2,592	16.8	N/A	N/A	3,083	18.4
Attempted (No vehicle type)	831	5.4	N/A	N/A	962	5.7
<b>State Total</b>	<b>15,455</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>16,785</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**NOTE:** The vehicle counts in this table have been taken from a report which selects only the most serious offense in an incident (hierarchy rule).

### 2002 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT BY TYPE VEHICLE



### 2000-2002 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS BY PREMISE

Premise	2000 Veh. Thefts	% Distr.	2001 Veh. Thefts	% Distr.	2002 Veh. Thefts	% Distr.
Residences, Apts.	7,714	48.1	N/A	N/A	8,642	50.0
Roads, Parking Lots, etc.	2,825	17.6	N/A	N/A	3,598	20.8
Commercial	3,489	21.8	N/A	N/A	2,485	14.4
Nightclubs, Bars	241	1.5	N/A	N/A	218	1.3
Hotels, Motels	366	2.3	N/A	N/A	409	2.4
Convenience Stores, etc.	431	2.7	N/A	N/A	504	2.9
Schools, Churches	205	1.3	N/A	N/A	241	1.4
Woods, etc.	78	0.5	N/A	N/A	112	0.6
Other	672	4.2	N/A	N/A	1,063	6.2
<b>State Total</b>	<b>16,021</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>17,272</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**NOTE:** The counts in this table have not been subjected to the "hierarchy rule" (explained elsewhere).

### 2002 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT BY PREMISE

